Importing Fresh Fruits from Afghanistan

2082. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether NAFED propose to import fresh fruits from Afghanistan;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when such imported fruits shall be made available to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) In terms of the Import export policy 1985-86 NAFED was authorised to register contracts for import of fresh fruits upto the value of Rs. 3 crores during 1985-86 for which foreign exchange was allotted by the Government. Further import of fresh fruits up to the Value of Rs. 4.5 crores has been authorised with effect from 21-10-85. The total foreign exchange allocation for import of fresh fruits thus work out to .Rs. 7.5 crores in respect of 1985-86.

NAFED, as canalising agency has issued No objection Certificates (NOCs) for import of fresh fruits from Afganistan to its associate importers for the total value of Rs. 3.29 crore upto 3-12-1985 during the crop season (August to March) 1985-86.

The items of fresh fruits imported from Afghanistan include grapes melons and Anar Badana/Kandhari. The consignments have been arriving in the markets since August, 1985.

Stoppage of implementation Crop Insurance scheme in Haryana

2083. SHRI J.P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Haryana has abandoned the programme of implementing the crop insurance scheme.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor.;

(c) what are the names of states which have implemented the crop insurance scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure implementation of the crop insurance programme through out the country and Corporation)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Haryana is of the view that either individual farmer or atleast a village should be taken as the unit of indemnity under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme.

(c) Eleven State Governments namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu, West Bengal and Gujarat have implemented the scheme during Kharif, 1985. Haryana had also implemented the Scheme initially and it was only later that it opted out of the scheme.

(d) After working out the detais of the New Scheme, detailed guidellines were issued to all the States and Union Territories on the 3rd May, 1985 for implementation of the Crop Insurance Scheme from Kharif, 1985. The progress of the implementation of the scheme was reviewed at the National Level Conferences held on the 17th July, 1985 and 23rd September, 1985 wherein the States and Union Territories which had not implemented the scheme were impressed upon to implement the scheme in their areas. The Reserve Bank of India and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have already issued the necessary instructions to their Bank branches throughout the country for active participation in the successful implementation of the scheme. For wide publicity, States have been impressed upon to make use of Training and Visit (T&V) system and the media namely-Doordarshan and All India.